GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the newspapers from Karnataka and other States registered with the Registrar of Newspaper for India (RNI) till date, State-wise including Karnataka State;

(b) the details of newspapers which are getting advertisements from the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) till date, State-wise, newspaper-wise;

(c) whether the requests of some newspapers for getting registration from Karnataka and other States are still pending with RNI;

(d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years till date, State-wise including Karnataka State; and

(e) the time by when these newspapers are likely to be registered?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a): The total number of newspapers registered with the office of Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) is 88763, which includes 3447 newspapers registered from Karnataka. The State-wise details are at Annexure I.

(b): There are 3697 newspapers/ periodicals currently empanelled with the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) for advertisements. The State-wise, newspaper-wise details are available at DAVP's website www.davp.nic.in.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. However no request for registration remains pending for more than two months in RNI generally. State-wise details of total pending requests for registration are at Annexure II.

(e): RNI issues Certificate of Registration generally within two months, provided documents are complete in all respects.